

SPECIAL MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
July 26, 2007

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of the Memorial Borough Hall on July 26, 2007 and was called to order by Mayor John E. Ekdahl at 4:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ekdahl, Councilwoman DeVoe, Councilmen Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

Absent: Councilman Broderick.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was not present.

C. Bernard Blum, Jr., Borough Engineer, was not present.

Dave Marks, T & M Associates, Inc., was present.

The Acting Mayor declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a notice forwarded at least 48 hours in advance thereof to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR A 2007 OR NEWER FIRE UTILITY TRUCK:

Councilman Kammerer moved that the Municipal Clerk/Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids for one 2007 or newer fire utility truck. Motion seconded by Councilwoman DeVoe and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: DeVoe, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPAL CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR VARIOUS ITEMS OF FIRE EQUIPMENT:

Councilman Kammerer moved that the Municipal Clerk/Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids for various items of fire equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: DeVoe, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and the following Councilmen responded.

Councilman Kammerer stated that the Mayor's letter and the information that was included with the 2007-2008 tax bills to the residents was excellent and very well done. He felt that it should help the Borough Council to inform the residents about their property taxes. Councilman Kammerer suggested that perhaps the tax letter could be put on the Borough website for anyone who might be interested in reviewing it.

Councilman Rubin commented that he was very excited to hear today that the Fire Department had received federal funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Assistance for Firefighters Grants for new self-contained breathing apparatus to replace the old units on the fire trucks in the Borough. Rumson's \$133,000 award was the third largest amount awarded in the State; the Borough will provide a small match.

Mayor Ekdahl commented that there were eight towns in the State of New Jersey that had received this funding and that the application must have been well written. He congratulated the two individuals from the Rumson Fire Company that had worked so hard on the preparation. The Mayor stated that this grant would help result in a savings to the Borough taxpayers at a time when we were spending a great deal of money on fire protection to insure that our residents are well protected.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one responded.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator